GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have toned up the cargo handling facilities at various airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by the Government to renovate the cargo terminals at various airports during the last two years; and

(d) the extent to which the capacity of such cargo terminals has been increased to handle exports and imports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) :- The Airports Authority of India has created modern integrated cargo terminals at 4 metro airports i.e. Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata with world class facilities and cargo terminals with modern facilities at four Domestic airports handling international cargo i.e. Nagpur, Guwahati, Lucknow and Coimbatore airports. At the cargo terminals of International airports facilities such as regulatory/facilitating agencies under one roof, exclusive storage, processing and examination area for import, export and trans-shipment cargo, exclusive un-accompanied baggage unit, cargo apron for freighters, X-ray screening machine, hazardous cargo shed, cold storage for import, strong room for storage of valuable cargo, cafeteria and banks have been provided at all cargo terminals. At Delhi and Chennai airports State of Art Centrefor perishable cargo for export, weigh bridge, Close Circuit TV Surveillance system and Public Address system have been provided. Elevated Transfer Vehicle system having built-in weighing facility and live animal shed have been provided at Delhi Airport. A post office has also been provided at Mumbai airport. At domestic airports where international cargo handling is carried on, facilities such as X-ray screening machine and Domestic Courier facility at Nagpur airport and cold storage at Guwahati airport have been created.

(c) The total expenditure to renovate the cargo terminals is Rs.1411.08 lakhs during 2000-2001 and Rs.809.62 lakhs during 2001-2002.

(d) The handling capacity for export and import capacity has increased to the extent of 603060 tonnes per annum from 424390 tonnes per annum at 4 International airports during the period from 1997-98 to 2001-2002.